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: Chief of Station, [REDACTED]

: Finance Division

INFO: Chief,
Chief, [REDACTED]

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: Administrative

: Transmittal of Travel Re-Claims

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REFERENCE

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1. The travel re-claims of [REDACTED] forwarded with reference dispatch. [REDACTED] shall receive the travel allowances authorized by these cover companies. The disallowance was reviewed and concurred in by General Counsel.

2. For your information and guidance in considering other claims of this type, the substance of General Counsel's opinion is quoted below:

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 18 April 1953 to the Chief, FE Division in which you have denied the reclaim vouchers of [REDACTED] for the difference between what the cover company paid for their travel to an overseas post and what would have been allowable under the Standardized Government Travel Regulations. [REDACTED] travelled to the Far East under the auspices of a [REDACTED] in connection with the claim for payment of per diem which was not allowed [REDACTED]

2. This Office concurs in the ruling of the Finance Division that the reclaims should not be allowed. Payment of per diem under the Foreign Service Regulations and the Standardized Government Travel Regulations is discretionary and neither the maximum allowable per diem nor any amount of per diem has to be paid by [REDACTED] Paragraph 44 of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations states that:

'The per diem allowances provided herein represent the maximum allowable, not the minimum. It is the responsibility of the departments and establishments to see that travel orders authorize only such per diem allowances as

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are justified by the circumstances surrounding the travel. To this end, care should be exercised to prevent the fixing of a per diem allowance in excess of that required to meet the necessary authorized expenses.'

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This portion of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations is incorporated in the Foreign Service Regulations and in EURASK Regulation [redacted] which are the regulations followed by EURASK in providing travel allowances for employees and their dependents.

19. In light of above it is the opinion of this Office that the policy of EURASK that employees travelling [redacted] shall receive the travel allowances is in accordance with controlling legislation and regulations."

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3. Inasmuch as [redacted] are now at headquarters, they will be advised by headquarters of the disallowance and the claims will not be returned for your files.

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